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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:
- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):
- The international application as originally filed/furnished
- the description:
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pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- the claims:
pages _____ received by this Authority on _____, as originally filed/furnished
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- the drawings:
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pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- the description, pages _____
 - the claims, Nos. _____
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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- the description, pages _____
 - the claims, Nos. _____
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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-4	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-4	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-4	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: JP 2002-226381 A ((Mikasa Seiyaku Co., Ltd.), 14 August 2002

Document 2: JP 2001-122790 A ((Mikasa Seiyaku Co., Ltd.), 8 May 2001

Document 3: JP 7-145081 A (Euroceltique S.A.), 6 June 1995

Document 4: JP 2002-516265 A (Euroceltique S.A.), 4 June 2002

Document 5: JP 2002-516266 A (Euroceltique S.A.), 4 June 2002

Document 6: JP 10-114710 A (Mitsubishi Chemical Ind., Ltd.), 6 May 1998

(i) The inventions set forth in claims 1-4 do not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 1 and 2, cited in the international search report.

Document 1 discloses preparations containing a sugar and popidone iodine for treating wounds (claims and paragraph [0009]). It also mentions additives including pH adjusters and emulsifiers such as hydrogenated lecithin, and indicates that the moisture content is 1 w/w% or less (paragraphs [0013] and [0014]).

Document 2 discloses preparations containing a sugar, popidone iodine, white sugar and pure water for

treating wounds (claim 1, paragraph [0008] and examples 3-5), mentions emulsifiers such as hydrogenated lecithin as additives (paragraph [0010]), and indicates that the pH of the preparation is 4-6 (paragraph [0006]).

Therefore, inclusion of an emulsifier such as hydrogenated lecithin in an invention disclosed in documents 1 and 2 is a suitable option available to a person skilled in the art; and there appears not to be any special effect due to said feature.

(ii) The inventions set forth in claims 1-4 do not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 3, 4 and 5, cited in the international search report.

Document 3 discloses preparations in the form of a medicinal ointment containing a liposome preparation, as medicinal preparations of antiseptics and promoters of wound healing for external use (claims 1 and 15). It also mentions that the antiseptic is popidone iodine (claim 4) and mentions liposome-forming systems such as hydrogenated soybean lecithin (paragraph [0007]). Moreover, it also indicates that said liposomes can be redispersed in an electrolyte solution which includes a sugar (paragraph [0012]).

Document 4 discloses agents for promoting wound healing which are in the form of a medicinal ointment containing liposomes as a carrier, with popidone iodine as an antiseptic (claims 1-17). Hydrogenated soybean lecithin is also mentioned as an amphiphilic substance which forms liposomes (paragraph [0013]). Moreover, it is also mentioned that said liposomes can be redispersed in an electrolyte solution which includes a sugar (paragraph [0023]).

Document 5 discloses agents for promoting wound healing which contain liposomes as a carrier, with popidone iodine as an antiseptic (claims 1-6).

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Hydrogenated soybean lecithin is also mentioned as an amphiphilic substance which forms liposomes (paragraph [0013]). Moreover, it also indicates that said liposomes can be redispersed in an electrolyte solution which includes a sugar (paragraph [0023]).

Therefore, a person skilled in the art could easily conceive of including a sugar in the inventions disclosed in documents 3-5 and optimising the pH by suitable modification; and there appears not to be any special effect due to said feature.

(iii) The inventions set forth in claims 1-4 do not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 1, 2 and 6.

Document 6 indicates that by adding an anionic surfactant such as a lecithin compound to a highly viscous aqueous solution of a sucrose fatty acid, the viscosity of the aqueous solution is lowered, and storage properties and ease of processing are considerably improved (paragraphs [0003], [0005] and [0006]).

Therefore, a person skilled in the art could easily conceive of adding a lecithin compound in order to decrease the viscosity of the aqueous solution in the inventions disclosed in documents 1-2; and there appears not to be any special effect due to said feature.